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Catchment and Land Protection Act 1994 DECLARATION OF A STATE PROHIBITED WEED

Order in Council

On the recommendation of the Minister for Environment, the Governor in Council under section 58(1) of the **Catchment and Land Protection Act 1994** makes a declaration for the plant listed in the Schedule below to be a State prohibited weed.

The declaration is being made for this plant as it has the capability to become both an agricultural and environmental weed in Australia. It has been listed as a high-risk weed by the Co-operative Research Centre for Australian Weed Management and WWF-Australia. It has the potential to invade southern Australian pastures stretching from the Riverina to Western Australia. This plant has low grazing palatability and hence dominates grasslands in its native range. It has the potential to reduce pasture carrying capacity in agricultural systems and impact on the biodiversity and structure of Australian native grasslands. The plant is a known grazing weed in the United States and the United Kingdom, where it is established. It is predicted to become a serious grazing weed in Victoria and the New South Wales Tablelands if action to prevent its spread is not taken.

This Order applies to the whole of Victoria.

Schedule

Taxon

Festuca gautieri (Hack.) K. Richt.

Dated 4 April 2006

Responsible Minister:

JOHN THWAITES

Minister for Environment

Common Name

Bear-skin Fescue

RUTH LEACH
Clerk of the Executive Council

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